**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

**Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603**

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

 Pianist: Christy Van Heerde

 Praise Band

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Psalm 119:9-16

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**\*Song - Step by Step (Screen)**

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Lord’s Supper Preparatory Exhortation (PH Pgs. 978-979)

**Song - How Deep the Father’s Love for Us (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 and Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - Word of God Speak (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Haggai 1:1-15**

Text: **Haggai 1:1-15**

Message: “**First Things First”**

1. A Correcting Call | 2. A Repentant Re-prioritizing Response

Prayer

**\*Song - You are Holy (Screen)**

\*Apostles’ Creed

\*God’s Blessing

\***Doxology: My Friends May You Grow in Grace**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**Welcome to worship on January 14, 2023.** St. Paul wrote wise words to the Colossians that seem quite appropriate for all Christians to consider as we enter the New Year: "Bear with each other and forgive..as the Lord forgave you. Andover all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.]

T**his week is preparatory** with a view to celebrating The Lord’s Supper together next Sunday morning.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism Class

Wed: 6:30 Cadets

 7:00 Sr. Hi. Youth Group at First Reformed Church

Sat: 8:30 AM Men’s Bible Study / Breakfast

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**Prayer Concerns:**

**1 Please continue to keep Carla,** Claudia Tofte’s sister, in prayer. She is healing well but will need a second surgery in the future.

**2. Ross Tellinghuisen** is undergoing chemo treatment and has recently experienced a blood clot and is now on blood thinners, please continue to uplift him and his family in your prayers.

**3. A co-worker of Claudia’s**, Rhonda, recently took a fall and broke her shoulder and will be going for a CAT scan on the 19th. Her husband is currently battling a kidney disease and is looking for a transplant. Please keep this family in your prayers throughout everything going on.

**4. Please continue to uplift Jennifer,** Ginger Post’s relative, in prayer as she undergoes her chemo treatment and battles this cancer, praying that the Lord would grant her healing from the cancer and strength as she undergoes treatment.

**Announcements:**

**Thank you** all for your prayers for safe travels for Kayla and I while we went out to visit family last week in Michigan! We had a wonderful time with family getting to celebrate Christmas together and enjoying one another’s company. We are excited to be back with you all, our spiritual family, as we begin another year together of serving our Lord!

**1. High school catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM

2. .**Not too late** to join our church's daily Bible reading plan, Unfading Truth. We've teamed up with several other solid Reformed churches who will be reading through the Bible this year, using the Belgic Confession for an outline. Each weekday, you'll receive a notification with the day's Bible passage, and a link to a short devotional that summarizes the passage and applies it to your life. These posts are written by Pastor Joshua and other pastors you can trust! You can read or listen if you'd rather. Sign up at UnfadingTruth.org.

3. Yo**uth Group Meal Sign-Up** - With the second part of the school year underway, there will be a new sign-up sheet placed over by the lost and found for anyone who would like to serve by providing a meal for the youth group on the third Wednesday of each month. Please see the sign-up sheet for further details

**4 .Youth Group Calendar Sale** - The youth group calendar sale is still going on to raise funds for the youth group. If you are interested in purchasing one, please reach out to a council member.

5. **Church directory** – If you have not checked the printed copy of the Church Directory on the podium just outside the sanctuary, please do so as soon as possible! Thank you all for your help as we put together this new directory.

**Weather permitting The Men’s breakfast / Bible Study** wii meet Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8:30 AM. Scripture is John 17:1-5, and Psalm 29. Coffee, juice, and muffins will be provided

 **Ushers for January:** Cade Gross, Jerry Runia, Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad

**Elevator attendant for January:** Marla Volkers

**Advance Notice:** The Volga First Lutheran Church invites all men and young men to their annual Men’s Supper on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30pm. See more information on the flyer in the foyer.

**Advence Notice: Dakota Sun Ministry for February 4**

In charge: Dan & Tiffany Runia, Bob & Katie (piano) Hoogwerf To visit: Greg & Jayne Loas, Kevin & Tanya Triebwasser, William & Cindy Alden, Carolyn Hieb, Brent & Wendy Hieb. (if you are unable to go on your assigned time please get someone to go in your place)

**Our Offerings:**

Next Week: January 21st: Skavadhl & Budget

January 28th: Building Project & Budget

**Our Council**: Pastor: Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Larry Tjeerdsma, Dale Algood

Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Sheldon Thompson

**e-mail address for council: volgacrccouncil@gmail.com**

**Notes from Council**

**1.** A new safe has been purchased and will be delivered the end of Feburayr or first of March.

2. A new sink has been installed in the parsonage

3. Voted to pur another $50,000 in a 13 month CD

4. Classis is March 7th in Pipestone MN. Delegates are Pastor Josh, Elder Larry Tjeerdsma, Deacon Dan Runia. Alternates Elder Ron Gross, Deacon Sheldon Thompson.

**Offerings received in December:**

Budget Received……………..$.34,525.33 Disbursed……………...$17,456.35

Benevolence: $550.00, Building Project: $10,796.00

Local Home Missions: $314.00 Navigators: $409.00, Food Pantry: $519.00, Volga ChristianSchool: $843.00, Fellowship of Christian Athletes: $956.00

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1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Call (Vv. 1-11):

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